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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
MARLIES VEY, ET AL. : EXAMINER: CAMERON, E. C.
SERIAL NO: 10/602,651 :
FILED: JUNE 25, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1762
FOR: TUFT AND FILAMENT BINDING :
IN UNFINISHED CARPET :

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312, Applicants respectfully call the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed December 28, 2004.

In addition, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's failure to initial the box for references AW-AY on the Form PTO 1449 submitted with the IDS filed November 10, 2004. Each of references AW-AY were discussed in the amendment filed November 10, 2004, and thus provided a concise explanation of relevance for these non-English references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

Thus, Reference AW was discussed as containing an underlined passage which may be translated as follows:

"With tufted carpets a precoat is necessary for the tuft and filament binding which is, as a rule, effected by a latex precoat. Newly the precoat is also carried out with hot melt compositions based on APP S 66."

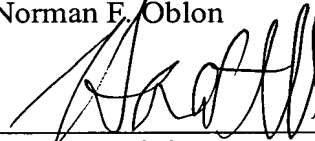
Reference AX is a data sheet for the product APP S 66 discussed in reference AW showing that it is atactic polypropylene.

Reference AY is a product brochure for VESTOPLAST 891, identified as an atactic polypropylene.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to appropriately initial the Forms PTO 1449 submitted with each of the above-two IDSs, and mail a copy thereof to undersigned counsel. **Enclosed herewith** is a copy of said Forms.

Respectfully submitted,

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